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**Whitewater Park**

- Communicated with Gary Lacy that the design concept was approved by both the Whitewater Park Steering Committee and Parks and Recreation Committee.
- The concept design is holding back roughly four feet of water. This was explained to me by Gary Lacy as I communicated to him that it was important that the river levels upstream shouldn't be impacted too much. The hydraulic study will give a definitive answer.
- Started a conversation with the Wahlins about an easement through the parcel between the RDA property and 8th Street. They have the property listed for $700,000 and do not want to give an easement since they are selling the property. The property is listed for $700,000.
- Worked with MSA to provide revised cost estimates for river access and site improvements.
- Interfluve received the lab results on August 9th. It's 96 pages worth of information, so there is no news to share until it fully analyzed.
- Had a conference call with representatives from the DNR about the Stewardship Grant. They will be attending the August Whitewater Park Steering Committee Meeting.
- Presented the project at the RDA's developer open house meeting.

**Miscellaneous**

- Completed operational and capital budgets.
- Created a presentation for CIP budget meeting.
- Met with the Finance Director about the Park Development Fund allocations after the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.
- Communicated with Dane County Parks about maintaining the connection from Stoughton to Oregon utilizing Rutland-Dunn Town Line Rd and an underpass at Highway 51 at that location.
- Submitted staffing request for a Recreation Assistant position that would handle administrative and lower level recreation duties. We are the only department in the area that doesn't have any administrative support which puts a great strain on everyone.
- We created an Instagram account for the department. We are trying to target younger people using this platform. The average age of Facebook users is 40.5 years old while 90% of Instagram users are younger than 35.
- As of August 7th we have this many followers on our Facebook pages:
    - Parks & Recreation – 1,572
    - Gazebo Musikk – 1,111
    - Troll Beach – 5,311

**Criddle Park Playground**

- The playground is open. We have been hearing good things from the neighbors and visitors about it.

**Youth Center**.

- Completed monthly and quarterly reports for the County.
- Worked on budgeting for the Friends of the Youth Center

**Recreation**

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- Training the new Recreation Supervisor on the systems that we use.
- Assisted the Recreation Supervisor with programming fall and winter activities which included providing contact information for staff, budgeting, and promotion plans.
- Scheduled and attended meeting with the Athletic Director and Recreation Supervisor to go over facility needs and reservations.

**Mandt Park Master Plan**

- The survey was sent out in late July. The same community groups that were sent the CORP survey were also sent this survey. There were 900 responses after seven days of it being promoted. There is some concern about there being a sample bias with the survey as a certain community group has members sharing it and providing misinformation.
- Had the kick-off meeting with the consultant on August 8th.
- Scheduled meeting space for the stakeholder focus groups
- Provided the consultant with the stakeholders, contacts, and best way to group them.
- Scheduled meeting space for the public open house.

**Nordic Ridge Playground**

- Had a conference call with the developer about the playground.
- Communicated with the Wahlin Foundation about providing support for the project. We need to be a 501c3 to apply for the grant. This is one of the many reasons why it's important that a parks foundation is created. The current workload does not allow for any additional time required to complete this.
- Met with the Rotary Club about writing the grant for the Wahlin Foundation. They will be writing the grant for the playground and would like to be involved in a community build.
- Communicated with the developer about the status of the playground and future development needs.

**Impact Fee Study**

- Baker Tilly will start work on the Impact Fee Study on August 26th.